ments have prepared an action plan to meet the effluent and emission standards for polluting industries;

5. Fiscal incentives are being provided for installation of pollution control equipment and also for the shifting polluting industries from congested areas.

6. Network of ambient air quality and ambient water quality monitoring stations have been set up.

पासपोर्टों के सत्यापन की शक्तियों का संसद सदस्यों को प्रत्यायोजन

2668. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार पासपोर्टों के सत्यापन की शक्तियों का संसद सदस्यों को प्रत्यायोजन करने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर०एल० भाटिया) : (क) से (ग) सरकार ने आवेदकों के लिए सत्यापन प्रमाणपत्रों पर हस्ताक्षर करने के लिए सांसदों को प्राधिकृत करने की प्रणाली को पुनः लागू करने के प्रस्ताव पर विचार किया है। संसद में हाल में हुई बहस के दौरान बहुत बड़ी संख्या में माननीय सदस्यों ने इस प्रस्ताव का कड़ा विरोध किया था। इसे ध्यान में रखते हुए सरकार ने यह निर्णय किया है कि केन्द्रीय और राज्य विधायक सत्यापन प्रमाण पत्रों पर हस्ताक्षर करने के लिए प्राधिकृत नहीं किए जाएंगे।

High powered delegation visited India with British P. M.

2669. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a high powered delegation of about 26 industrialists had accompanied British Prime Minister John Major during his recent visit to India in the end of January 93;

(b) if so, what was the purpose of the visit of this delegation; and

(c) the details of the talks they have held with Government officials as well as the industrialists in the country and outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) the visit of this delegation was aimed at emphasising the economic aspect of relations between India and UK and at strengthening trade and economic ties between the two countries.

(c) The British business delegation interacted with a panel of senior Government officials and also called on Commerce Minister and Finance Minister. These discussions focused on methods by which trade and economic relations between India and Britain could be expended. Questions raised by the British businessmen in connection with various aspects of the economic reform programme were answered by the concerned officials.

The British business delegation had separate discussions with Indian businessmen representing apex Chambers of Commerce and Indutry also and discussed ways of prompting direct links between the entrepreneurs and business communities of the two countries.

In addition, the delegation had a joint meeting with our Prime Minister and the British Prime Minister to inform the two PMs about the outcome of their discussions with Indian officials and industry representatives and to announce